

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18413

The purpose of this legislation is to prevent persons that have illegally taken wildlife in the State of Idaho from purchasing the illegally taken wildlife for which they were cited at a Fish and Game sale. It further provides that no other person may knowingly purchase that wildlife on behalf of the person that was cited for illegally taking the wildlife.

The Department of Fish and Game accumulates wildlife from road kills, illegal takings, wildlife taken in defense of property and human life, and other sources. Much of this wildlife is donated to schools, used as decorations in regional and state department offices, and given to tax-supported, nonprofit or charitable institutions. Meat is often given to indigent persons. The remainder, usually antlers and carcasses of non-edible animals, is sold at an annual auction rotated between regional offices.

FISCAL NOTE

Negligible. There may be some situations where affected wildlife might bring additional money because other bidders are sometimes aware that the person forfeiting the wildlife is present and the other bidders sometimes run up the price.

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